



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

Senator Jonathon Duniam
Chair
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

**Clarification of an answer to 2016-17 Additional Estimates Hearing on
2 March 2017.**

I am writing to clarify an answer provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Social Services in relation to Outcome 2.

In answering a question from Senator Pratt regarding 1800RESPECT, I said:

Recognising that RDVSA is a special partner in this process, we know that MHS did provide information to RDVSA as early as 3 January that a tender process was likely and also that that was likely to involve an initial EOI process. They advised them again on 3 February, and then when the decision was made they had a special face-to-face, personal meeting with the CEO to let them know that was happening and to let them know what the EOI—

However, the second date referenced should have been 1 February.

Yours sincerely

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